

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
June 15, 2011

Councilman Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lords Prayer. Sheriff Mike Carothers did the swearing in of the Council.

Members Present: Councilman Murphy, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Brewer
Councilman Pottschmidt, Councilman Carmichael, Councilman Wheeler

Others Present: Sheriff Mike Carothers, Attorney Susan Bevers, Auditor Debra Eggeman

Councilman Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 minutes as presented. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Wheeler reported that he recently attended a meeting with the Juvenile Home Board. Director Dan Banks is doing an exceptional job.

Brenda Turner with the Drug Free Council appeared before Council seeking approval of grant allocations for 2011. The allocations have been approved by the County Commissioners. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Brewer abstained.

Councilman Brewer with the assistance of Juvenile Home Director Connie Schrader led the discussion on adding staff at the Juvenile Detention Center. Connie Schrader explained that due to safety issues she is requesting to hire (1) full time officer. Councilman Murphy agreed that the Center is short staffed due to the growth of the center and suggested that new Council Members visit the facility. There are funds available to fill the position for the remainder of the year. Councilman Brewer made a motion to hire one (1) full time officer to be effective immediately. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Council President Murphy made the first reading of the Additional Appropriation requests. Councilman Carmichael made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Brewer seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

County Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted an additional request in the amount of \$69,813.00 from the Cumulative Bridge fund to cover change orders for the Medora Covered Bridge project. Councilman Carmichael made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

County Clerk Amanda Lowery requested additional monies in the amount of \$700.00 for travel. The prior clerk omitted this from the budget requests. Councilman Brewer made a motion to deny the request and instructed Amanda to transfer monies from the ballot printing account. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Prosecutor Rick Poynter request two separate additional appropriations from the Prosecutors Diversion Fund as follows:

- 1) \$3,000.00 to the Indiana State Police to cover the costs of purchase of canine.
- 2) \$1,340.00 to the Indiana State Police to cover the cost of an in-car video system.

Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Council President Murphy made the first reading of the Emergency Transfer Requests. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Health Department Office Manager Kimberly Myers appeared before Council requesting the transfer of monies from the Local Health Maintenance Trust fund (formerly tobacco grant) to the Local Health Maintenance Fund. The transfer in the amount of \$14,733.76 is needed to pay wages and ss/med for the Tobacco Grant Administrator. The state is in the process of restructuring grant monies. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Brewer seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Ordinance #2011-15 for approval. Ordinance 2011-15 is an ordinance establishing a non-reverting elected officials training fund. Councilman Carmichael made a motion to approve. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director Connie Schrader submitted the Detention Center report for May 2011.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the Jail report and the Inmate Meal Expense report for May 2011. Sheriff Carothers also invited Council members to tour the Jail and Detention Center. After discussion Council members agreed to hold the July 20, 2011 Council meeting at the jail. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM with a tour afterwards.

Councilman Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Brewer seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Charlie Murphy – President

Leon Pottschmidt

J.L. Brewer

Brian Thompson

Brian Wheeler

Dennis Carmichael

Greg Prange

Debra Eggeman - attest

